

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-absent
Member Paul Amaral-present
Member Charles Moran-absent
Alternate Jean Veegh-present

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-absent
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-absent
Clerk Kathleen Wood-present
Clerk Jeanne Spencer-present

Member Mr. Amaral called the meeting to order at 6:00 a.m.

1. Conduct Primary Election:

- Mr. Amaral called the meeting to order to continue all day while conducting the Primary Election. Board members will visit different polls at different times throughout the day to be sure the Moderator has everything under control and any needs are met.
- The Board Members will collectively meet back at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. to meet with their inspection team partner to close the polls.

2. Unfinished Business

- Chairman Mr. Harris to give a ride to voter requesting a ride to their polling precinct.

Members met back at Town Hall at approximately 7p.m. to team with officers and supervise closing of the polls. Will return with BOC supply boxes, memory packs and town equipment. Will also insure the State election equipment is in secured area for pick up in the morning by the State BOE.

Board of Canvassers Recessed at approximately 9:00p.m. to continue meeting on September 10, 2014 at 1:15p.m. allowing Canvassing Clerks time to research all provisional ballots for qualification.

Board of Canvassers reconvened the meeting at 1:15p.m. September 10, 2014. Same members present with addition of the Town Clerk.

3. New Business

- The Provisional Ballots were reviewed by the Board as follows:
 - i. Four Provisional Ballots were Qualified as Full Ballots and will be brought to the B.O.E.
 - ii. Four Provisional Ballots were Disqualified Ballots due to voting in the wrong precinct or voting out of party and one was an unregistered voter.A motion to 'Qualify' four Provisional Ballots and 'Disqualify' the other four was made by Ms. Veegh and Mr. Harris seconded. Passed.
- The Certified Emergency Mail Ballot Applications that were certified on September 8, 2014 were taken along with the Emergency Ballots to the B.O.E. by the Chief of Police prior to the 8 p.m. deadline on September 8th. No additional *Emergency* Mail Ballot Applications were submitted for certification.
- The Board certified five Mail Ballot Applications for the General Election in November.

4. Board Member Items

- N. Mello for the recorded, stated Vice Chair D. Moran had been in the hospital and was released last night.
- Review of the September 9, 2014 Primary Election. Ms. Mello made note of an informal complaint that was called in to M. Moran in regards to a Pollworker not requesting the license of one town registered voter. Showing of a license or Voter ID is a requirement. Ms. Mello verified with the Moderator, Clerk and Pollworker and was informed the registered voter had in-fact shown his license. The voter was also contacted and confirmed gave license and got ballot. At the time of the complaint both P. Amaral and B. Harris were also at the poll. No complaint was brought to anyone at that time.
- Other issues addressed were that Pollworkers need to call out names loud enough so the checkers can hear the names being called and the need for more handicap signs. Ms. Mello stated the DPW Director will order more signage prior to the General Election. Discussions regarding the process of Provisional Ballots and Affirmation cards. Ms. Spencer distributed the *Guide to Address Affirmation on Election Day* and the RI B.O.E. *Provisional Ballot Flow Chart* and will set up binders for the B.O.C. Members as requested by Ms. Mello. It was noted that the Dinners for the Pollworkers work out okay. In the future we will use all the Polling Precinct Polling Locations to save on some of the confusion as to where to vote.
- Ms. Mello stated the Legal Ad was submitted to the Sakonnet Times stating the last day to for Registration of Voters for the General Election is Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Final Canvass date of Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Veegh and seconded by Mr. Amaral to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Bobby J. Harris, Chair_____ DeEtta M. Moran, Vice Chair_____

Paul Amaral, member_____ Jean M. Veegh, alternate_____

A True Copy: Attest_____ Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk